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The Illinois Gaming Board has received multiple complaints from potential Video Gaming Licensed Locations regarding individuals posing as representatives of the Illinois Gaming Board or the Illinois Gaming Commission pressuring the locations into signing a contract with a potential Terminal Operator. The individuals claim that the location is "pre-approved" to have up to five video gaming machines, and that the location must call a phone number by a certain time that same day to ensure that the machines can be placed. Alternatively, the caller says that the location has been pre-approved and must submit an application immediately.

Please note the following:

- The Licensed Location Application has not yet been released by the Illinois Gaming Board.
- Illinois Gaming Board agents have identification, and potential Licensed Locations should ask for such if called or approached by individuals claiming to be IGB representatives.
- The Illinois Gaming Board has not and will not contact potential Licensed Locations to suggest that they need to apply for a license.
- Once the Licensed Location application is released, there is no "cut off" period within which to submit an application.

The Illinois Gaming Board urges potential Licensed Locations to thoroughly consider the decision to sign a Use Agreement with a potential Terminal Operator. As stated above, there is no time limit within which to apply for a license or sign an Agreement; thus, caution should be used when deciding which potential Terminal Operator to work with.